

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following minor amendments to the specification. No new matter has been added by making these amendments.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

A composite sheet according to the present invention comprises a sheet having elastic property and another sheet having slip property wherein the sheets are stacked. In the present invention, the sheets may or may not have the same shape. When the sheets have the same shape, the cut lines of the slits may or may not be ~~eonfirmed~~ conformed to each other.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig._8 is a drawing showing ~~anther~~ another embodiment of the clamp plate. The clamp plate 40 is provided with supporting plates 80 on which an elastic member 82, such as a spring, is mounted at side surface thereof so as to prevent the base plate 30, the sheet 20 and the clamp plate 40 from floating at dispensing work. The tank 10 is movable by means of a liquid handling system in order to be adapted to a case in which an experiment is carried out with temperatures being varied depending on reaction. When

the liquid handling system moves the tank, the liquid handling system contacts the tank and then the elastic member 82 mounted to the clamp plate 40 contacts a member (not shown) of the liquid handling system. Then, when the tip may be drawn, the elastic member 82 functions to push back the member. As the result, the liquid handling system is easily separated from the clamp plate 40, whereby the clamp plate 40, the base plate 30 and the sheet 20 are prevented from floating. In addition, because of the increased weight of the tank 10 by the weight of the elastic members added thereto, close contact between the sheet 20 and the tank 10 can be strengthened and therefore sealing performance of the tank can be improved.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig._10 is a drawing showing still another embodiment of the clamp plate. The clamp plate 40 of the embodiment is fixedly mounted to the tank with fixing members such as screws 84 94. Accordingly, the clamp plate 40, base plate 30 and the sheet 20 are prevented from floating.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

The tank of the container was examined for volatile property using the container shown in Fig._1. 20ml of acetonitrile was poured in the container, and the base plate was placed on the tank. Then, the sheet according to

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the present invention was placed on the base plate, and then a lid made of polytetrafluoroethylene was set on the sheet. The container was left to stand in a refrigerator at 4°C, and every after 1 hour, 3 hours, 8 hours and 22 hours, the acetonitrile in the tank was weighed, and ~~an~~ any reduced amount of the acetoinitrile within a specified time was calculated for a volatile property test.